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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 22 February to 5 March 1953

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REMARKS

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1. The following troop trains were listed between
2 and 5 March 1953:

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B - boxcar
CB - connected boxcar
F - flatcar
G - gondola car

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Date in March	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
2	3 B, 2 CB, 12 F; 7 cars	Cottbus Halle	Justerbog- Altes Lager Forst Zinna
	7 cars	Halle	Forst Zinna
	3 B, 22 F;	Oranienburg	Vogelsang
3	3 B, 22 F;	Vogelsang	Oranienburg
	13 B, 40 F;	Potsdam	Genthin
	12 B, 35 F;	Wildpark	Genthin
3	7 B, 15 F;	Velten	Fuerstenberg/Havel
	7 B, 23 F;	Oranienburg	Vogelsang
	14 B, 38 F;	Potsdam	Genthin
	13 B, 32 F;	Wildpark	Genthin

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	10 B, 50 F;	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Haldensleben
4	14 B, 38 F;	Velten	Altengrabow
	19 B, 2 G ;	Oranienburg	Vogelsang
	13 B, 39 F;	Potsdam	Genthin
	9 B, 18 F;	Oranienburg	Vogelsang
	6 B, 13 F;	Satzkorn	Wolmirstedt
5	6 B, 13 F; (empty)	Wolmirstedt	Satzkorn
	16 B, 20 F;	Oranienburg	Vogelsang

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2. [redacted] from 22 to 28 February, the following empty flat cars were to be made available:

109	in Halle
90	in Magdeburg
65	in Brandenburg
55	in Erfurt
48	in Cottbus
46	in Bernau
32	in Jueterbog
25	in Fuerstenberg
22	in Frankfurt
14	in Forst Zinna.

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3. [redacted] indicated that at once all transitworthy four-axle flat cars with iron side racks were to be sent to Frankfurt/Oder.⁶

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1. [redacted] Comment. It is possible that these troop trains carried light AAA units which were to complete firing practices in the Jueterbog training area.

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2. Comment. [] observed two troop trains in Oranienburg being loaded with rocket launchers, AT guns and tanks from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp on 1 and 2 March. []. The present report confirms the assumption that the units had been transferred to the Templin troop training grounds.

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3. Comment. It is believed that elements of the 34th Arty Div (US) were transferred to the Genthin area. It is possible that the units were to go from Genthin to the Altengrabow area by road.

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4. Comment. These troop trains probably carried units of the 31st AAA Div in Schoenwalde.

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5. Comment. The dispatching railroad stations indicate that the two troop trains carried units of the 10th Gds Tank Div to Letzling Heath. In 1952, the first components of this division went from Brandenburg to Letzling Heath for short-term advanced combat practice firing as early as 15 February.

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6. Comment. These four-axle flat cars are also capable of transporting tanks.

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